

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Previously Presented): A liquid crystal display apparatus configured to have a liquid crystal layer interposed between a first substrate and a second substrate, characterized by comprising:

a plurality of pixels which are disposed in a matrix in a display region that displays an image, the pixels including a first pixel with a first gap for interposition of the liquid crystal layer between the first substrate and the second substrate, and a second pixel with a second gap that is smaller than the first gap, the first pixel including a first color filter layer that has a first film thickness and mainly passes first color light, and the second pixel including a second color filter layer that has a second film thickness, which is greater than the first film thickness, and mainly passes second color light, the first color light having a wavelength that is greater than a wavelength of the second color light; ~~and~~

a columnar spacer for creating the second gap, the columnar spacer being disposed not at the first pixel but as the second color filter layer at the second pixel; and

a light shield layer disposed in a picture-frame shape along a peripheral edge of the display region,

wherein the columnar spacer and the light shield layer are formed simultaneously using a negative-type photosensitive resin material by undergoing a single exposure process through a photo mask having a predetermined pattern.

Claim 2 (Canceled).

Claim 3 (Canceled).

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The liquid crystal display apparatus according to claim 2, ~~characterized by further comprising a light shield layer that is disposed in a picture-frame shape along a peripheral edge of the display region, wherein~~ the columnar spacer and the light shield layer ~~being~~ are formed of the same negative-type photoresist material.

Claim 5 (Canceled).

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The liquid crystal display apparatus according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the first substrate includes the first color filter layer, the second color filter layer and the columnar spacer, and

the first substrate further includes scan lines disposed in a row direction, signal lines disposed in a column direction, switching elements disposed near intersections of the scan lines and the signal lines, and pixel electrodes that are connected to the switching elements and are disposed in a matrix.

Claim 7 (Canceled).

Claim 8 (Canceled).

Claim 9 (Canceled).